



**Financial year 2005/2006, ended on 31 March 2006
COLRUYT GROUP: FURTHER INCREASE IN EARNINGS**

Revenue + 9.3 %; Profit for the period(group share) + 9.8 %; EPS + 12.5 %; Proposed dividend + 13.1%

	<u>%</u>	<u>2005/2006 v. 2004/05 continuing operations</u>	<u>2004/2005 (*)</u>
1. Revenue excl. VAT	+9.3 %	EUR 4.78 billion compared to EUR 4.37 billion	EUR 4.4 billion
2. Operating profit (EBIT)	+12.3 %	EUR 332.4 million compared to EUR 296 million	EUR 299.5 million
3. Operating cash flow (EBITDA) (**)	+12.5 %	EUR 412.1 million compared to EUR 366.3 million	EUR 371.7 million
4. Net financing income	+11.6 %	EUR 7.7 million compared to EUR 6.9 million	EUR 7.0 million
5. Profit before tax			
- total	+12.4 %	EUR 340.7 million compared to EUR 303.2 million	EUR 306.8 million
- per share	+15.0 %	EUR 10.15 compared to EUR 8.82	EUR 8.92
6. Income tax expense	+18.8 %	EUR 110.2 million compared to EUR 92.8 million	EUR 94.2 million
7. Profit for the period	+9.5 %	EUR 230.5 million compared to EUR 210.4 million	EUR 231.0 million
8. Profit for the period, (group share)	+9.8 %	EUR 230.4 million compared to EUR 209.7 million	EUR 229.3 million
9. Cash flow (***)	+10.5 %	EUR 310.1 million compared to EUR 280.7 million	EUR 303.2 million
10. Cash flow (group share)(***)	+10.7 %	EUR 310.0 million compared to EUR 280.0 million	EUR 301.5 million
11. Earnings per share (group share) (EPS)	+12.5 %	EUR 6.86 compared to EUR 6.10 33,579,100 shares compared to 34,378,471 shares <i>Calculated on a weighted average basis</i>	EUR 6.67
12. Gross dividend (subject to approval of General Meeting)	+13.1 %	EUR 2.76 compared to EUR 2.44	

(*) figures for the 2004/2005 reporting period including Dolmen Computer Applications

(**) EBITDA = operating profit before financing costs (EBIT) + depreciation + amortisation

(***) Cash flow = profit for the period + depreciation + amortisation

In the 2005/2006 financial year the **Colruyt Group's** revenue increased from € 4.37 billion to € 4.78 billion, an increase of 9.3 %. (*)

The Group's share of the consolidated profit after tax amounts to € 230.4 million compared to € 209.7 million the previous year (+ 9.8 %). The earnings per share (Group share) amounted to € 6.86 compared to € 6.10 in the previous year, an increase of 12.5 %.

A gross dividend of € 2.76 per share is being proposed, compared to € 2.44 in the previous year. This represents an increase of 13.1 %.

The Group's share of the cash flow amounts to €310.0 million compared to € 280.0 million in the previous year.

At the end of the 2005/2006 reporting period, the Colruyt Group employed a total of 16,599 staff compared to 16,157 at the end of the previous period. This is an increase with 442 people.

The contributions of the various segments of the Colruyt Group are summarized in the table below.

RETAIL **Revenue +10% ; Operating Profit +14%**

The *Colruyt stores* achieved an increase in revenue of 10.00 %, from €2.95 billion to €3.25 billion.

Despite the fall in consumption of food products in 2005 and a more competitive environment, we have been able to pursue our consistent policy of "lowest prices". This has been greatly appreciated by our customers and the Colruyt stores have been able to maintain their growth and gross margin of recent years.

In the course of the 2005/2006 6 new *Colruyt stores* were opened, 2 of which were relocations of existing stores. 11 stores were rebuilt or enlarged. 8 CoMarkt/CoMarché stores (taken over from Laurus in 2003) were converted into Colruyt stores.

The sales area of the Colruyt stores increased by 12,915 m² (+ 5.03 %) and amounts to 269,611 m² at 31 March 2006.

The OKay stores have once again experienced rapid growth. We are satisfied by their contribution to group earnings (as a result of the extension of their reporting period, the results of the OKay stores were included in the consolidation for 15 months).

Revenue from our company operated stores in France increased by 5%. This is a good result, taking into account the current economic climate and the fact that the number of stores (44) remained the same.

Revenue of our non-food retail business DreamLand experienced a growth by 16 %. This went hand-in-hand with investments in new stores and store concepts. In addition, substantial efforts were made to expand the administrative organisation and logistics for the future. DreamLand's contribution to group results has fallen for this financial year as a result, but these investments will bear fruit in the future.

WHOLESALE **Revenue +1%; Operating Profit -22%**

In France, food service and wholesale grew by 29 % mainly as a consequence of the acquisitions made in the recent past. Despite the poor economic climate and falling consumption, we have observed in this market, too, positive, self-contained growth in revenue. However, margins came under pressure as a result of stiffer competition in French food service.

Our Belgian wholesale operation was influenced to a substantial extent by the efforts of Spar Retail to give the Spar formula a stronger positioning in the market. Consequences have included further price cuts. It should be noted that, in the previous financial year, Spar Retail was included in the consolidation for 15 months compared to 12 months in the 2005/2006 financial year. In order to make the organisation run more efficiently, we have begun a considerable restructuring effort, which will have its effect on Spar Retail's results in the 2006/2007 period.

Although the developments in operating profit of the wholesale segment were disappointing this year, it continues to make a positive contribution to the group's earnings. We remain convinced that this contribution will continue to develop favourably in the future.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES**Revenue+36% ; Operating Profit +28%**

The other activities are greatly influenced by the growth of our DATS 24 petrol activity, attributable to its rapid expansion on the one hand and the increase in oil prices on the other.

OUTLOOK

We expect Colruyt and OKay stores to maintain their current trend. The effect of the consolidation phase at Spar Retail, DreamLand and in wholesale in France will have a further impact on our earnings in the 2006/2007 financial year.

At the time of the General Meeting of 20 September 2006 we will be giving a forecast of the Group's earnings for the 2006/2007 year.

Statutory Auditor's report

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PRESS RELEASE

The Statutory Auditor, Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler Bedrijfsrevisoren – Reviseurs d'Entreprises, represented by Mr. L. Ruysen and J Vanderbruggen, confirms that the audit work, which is finished in substance, did not reveal any significant correction that should be made to the accounting information included in this press release.

Halle, June 23, 2006

Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler Bedrijfsrevisoren, Statutory Auditor,
represented by

L. Ruysen

J. Vanderbruggen

SEGMENT INFORMATION

in million EUR (*)	Revenue	EBITDA (operating cash flow)	EBIT (operating profit)
<u>I. RETAIL</u>	3,720.2 (+10 %)	364.8 (+14 %)	301.9 (+14 %)
- Colruyt	3,247.0 (+10 %)		
- OKay and Bio-Planet	175.8 (+ 73 %)		
- DreamLand	127.6 (+16 %)		
- Stores under own management, France	101.5 (+ 5 %)		
- Other supermarkets	68.3 (- 49 %)		
<u>II. Wholesale and foodservice</u>	782.4 (+ 1 %)	16.6 (-12 %)	10.1 (- 22 %)
- Belgian food service and wholesale	467.9 (- 11 %)		
- France food service and wholesale	314.4 (+ 26 %)		
<u>III. Other activities</u>	272.7 (+36%)	15.5 (+25%)	10.2 (+28%)
- Dats 24 Belgium and France	250.3 (+ 40 %)		
- Druco	12.6 (- 5 %)		
- Createch and Dolmen IP	9.7 (+ 13 %)		
Unallocated corporate activities	0.4 (-27 %)	15.2 (+1 %)	10.2 (-5 %)
Total Group	4,775.7 (9.3 %)	412.1 (+ 12.5 %)	332.4 (+ 12.3 %)

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

<i>(in million EUR)</i>	2005/06	2004/05		Total
		Continuing operations	Discontinued operations ⁽¹⁾	
Revenue	4,775.7	4,367.4	70.4	4,437.8
Cost of goods sold	(3,651.2)	(3,332.0)	(41.1)	(3,373.1)
Gross profit	1,124.5	1,035.4	29.3	1,064.7
Other operating income	37.0	42.3	3.1	45.4
Services and miscellaneous goods	(185.3)	(178.2)	(5.8)	(184.0)
Employee benefit expenses	(545.2)	(512.0)	(21.2)	(533.2)
Depreciation and amortization	(79.7)	(70.3)	(1.9)	(72.2)
Provisions and write-offs of current assets	1.5	(2.2)	0.2	(2.0)
Other operating expenses	(20.4)	(19.0)	(0.2)	(19.2)
Operating profit before financing costs (EBIT)	332.4	296.0	3.5	299.5
Financial income	10.2	10.7	0.3	11.0
Financial expenses	(2.5)	(3.8)	(0.2)	(4.0)
Net financing income	7.7	6.9	0.1	7.0
Share of profit from associates	0,6	0,3		0.3
Profit before tax	340.7	303.2	3.6	306.8
Income tax expense	(110.2)	(92.8)	(1.4)	(94.2)
Profit after tax but before gain on discontinued operations	230.5	210.4	2.2	212.6
Gain on discontinued operations, net of tax			18.4	18.4
Profit for the period	230.5	210.4	20.6	231.0
<i>Attributable to:</i>				
Equity holders of the parent	230.4	209.7	19.6	229.3
Minority interests	0.1	0.7	1.0	1.7
Earnings per share (EUR) ⁽²⁾	6.86	6.10	0.57	6.67

⁽¹⁾ In the 2004/05 reporting period, a dividend was distributed to Colruyt shareholders in the form of shares in Dolmen Computer Applications NV (DCA). This resolution of the Board of Directors was approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders on 15 September 2004. As a consequence the Group no longer has control over DCA and DCA's income statement was included in the consolidation for the 2004/05 reporting period only for the 6 months up to 30/09/04.

⁽²⁾ There are no diluting effects that can have an influence on the earnings per share calculation.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

<i>(in million EUR)</i>	31/03/06	31/03/05
ASSETS		
Goodwill	48.8	44.3
Other intangible assets	3.7	3.0
Property, plant and equipment	702.0	635.3
Investments in associates	13.0	8.1
Investment securities	4.8	8.2
Deferred tax assets	12.9	17.0
Total non-current assets	785.2	715.9
Inventories	361.2	344.3
Trade receivables	175.2	149.5
Income tax receivable	2.0	0.3
Other receivables	29.3	38.2
Investment securities	32.2	27.2
Cash and cash equivalents	331.3	366.0
Total current assets	931.2	925.5
TOTAL ASSETS	1,716.4	1,641.4
EQUITY		
Issued capital	159.1	148.8
Reserves and retained earnings	611.5	609.5
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	770.6	758.3
Minority interests	0.7	4.9
Total equity	771.3	763.2
LIABILITIES		
Provisions	35.7	35.4
Deferred tax liabilities	42.4	35.9
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings > 1 year	13.4	15.6
Total non-current liabilities	91.5	86.9
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings ≤ 1 year	3.3	4.0
Trade payables	573.9	511.9
Income tax payable	24.3	49.9
Employee benefits and other payables	252.1	225.5
Total current liabilities	853.6	791.3
Total liabilities	945.1	878.2
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,716.4	1,641.4

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

<i>(in million EUR)</i>	2005/06	2004/05
Operating activities		
Profit for the reporting period	230.5	231.0
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation and amortization	79.8	72.2
Interest income	(10.2)	(9.1)
Interest expense	2.8	3.4
Gain/(loss) on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(3.6)	(1.0)
Gain/(loss) on investment securities	(1.0)	(18.1)
Write-offs on current assets	(2.5)	4.1
Equity-settled share-based payment expenses	13.2	6.3
Income tax expense	110.2	94.2
Share of profit from associates	(0.6)	(0.3)
Operating profit before changes in working capital and provisions	418.6	382.7
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other receivables	(15.9)	2.0
Increase/(decrease) in inventories	(13.0)	(3.6)
(Increase)/decrease trade payables and other payables	83.4	6.5
(Increase)/decrease in provisions	0.5	11.7
Interest paid	(1.6)	(2.9)
Interest and dividends received	11.4	9.2
Income tax paid	(124.1)	(75.5)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	359.3	330.1
Investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(151.6)	(136.5)
Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	(7.4)	(19.2)
Increase of investments in associates	(0.5)	
Purchase of minority interests	(7.2)	
(Acquisition) and sales of investment securities	(1.7)	(2.2)
Payments of loans granted	(1.8)	(0.9)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	8.5	15.7
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries (net of cash disposed of)		(31.1)
Repayments of loans granted	4.3	1.3
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(157.4)	(172.9)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from the issue of share capital	10.2	10.4
Sale/(purchase) of treasury shares	(158.6)	(44.2)
Repayment of borrowings	(1.3)	(3.0)
Payments of finance lease liabilities	(2.0)	(2.2)
Dividends paid	(84.9)	(83.9)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(236.6)	(122.9)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(34.7)	34.3
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	366.0	331.7
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	331.3	366.0
Increase/(decrease)	(34.7)	34.3

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Attributable to equity holders of the parent

<i>(in million EUR)</i>	Share capital	Reserve for treasury shares	Retained earnings	Total	Minority interests	Total equity
At 1 April 2004	138.9	(42.6)	585.2	681.5	27.8	709.3
Total recognized income and expense			229.7	229.7	1.7	231.4
Capital increase	9.9			9.9		9.9
Treasury shares purchased		(45.3)		(45.3)		(45.3)
Treasury shares sold and share based payments		6.8		6.8		6.8
Dividend payments			(124.3)	(124.3)		(124.3)
Changes in scope of consolidation				-	(24.6)	(24.6)
At 31 March 2005	148.8	(81.1)	690.6	758.3	4.9	763.2
At 1 April 2005	148.8	(81.1)	690.6	758.3	4.9	763.2
Total recognized income and expense		(1.5)	260.3	258.8	0.1	258.9
Capital increase	10.2			10.2		10.2
Treasury shares purchased		(201.8)		(201.8)		(201.8)
Treasury shares sold and share based payments		31.3		31.3		31.3
Dividend payments			(83.6)	(83.6)		(83.6)
Purchase of minority interests			(2.6)	(2.6)	(4.3)	(6.9)
At 31 March 2006	159.1	(253.1)	864.7	770.6	0.7	771.3

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNIZED INCOME AND EXPENSES

<i>(in million EUR)</i>	31/03/06	31/03/05
Gain on sale of treasury shares	18.4	0.4
Share based payments to be settled ⁽¹⁾	6.8	
Change in the fair value of available for sale financial instruments	3.2	
Net profit recognized directly in equity	28.4	0.4
Profit for the period	230.5	231.0
Total recognized income and expense for the period	258.9	231.4
<i>Attributable to:</i>		
Equity holders of the parent	258.8	229.7
Minority interests	0.1	1.7

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with IFRS-2, profit sharing schemes to be settled in treasury shares are recorded in equity in the current accounting period .